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Mr. Pierre Salinger
Press Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Salinger:

Thank you for your letter of 26 January telling us about your talk with the Polish journalist, Mr. Broniarek.

It is thoughtful of you to send this information to us, and I am taking the liberty of passing it on to interested members of our staff.

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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After you have noted Mr. Salinger's letter,
I'll send copies to EE and OO, and Col. Groyan

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 26, 1961

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Referring to your letter of January 5th, I was visited this morning by Zygmunt Broniarek, Washington correspondent for the Polish Communist Party newspaper TRYBUNA LUDU. Mr. Broniarek said he wanted to see me just to make my acquaintance and to let me know he is working in Washington.

Mr. Broniarek, however, imparted to me that he had been extremely pleased with the President's inaugural address and the President's willingness to negotiate. He said the President should be tough and firm with Khrushchev because this is what Khrushchev expected; all that Khrushchev is looking for is fair negotiations. Broniarek further commented that Khrushchev had problems with the Red Chinese and he thought it would work in the favor of President Kennedy.

Broniarek said the President is a very revered figure in Poland because of his past actions on behalf of the people of Poland and also because the President is a Roman Catholic.

Mr. Broniarek was particularly praiseworthy of the news handling in connection with the release of the RB-47 fliers. He said he was sure Khrushchev would be impressed by the fact that we had managed to have the New York HERALD-TRIBUNE keep from running the story in advance of release time. While Khrushchev understands the basic difference between the Russian and the American press, Broniarek feels that Khrushchev still believes that government should and can exert influence on the news.

Sincerely,



Pierre Salinger
Press Secretary
to the President

Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.
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